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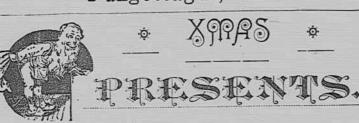
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Taking the power. exciting story of Samson's fall as a suggestion, Dr. Talmage in this discourse shows how giants in body and mind or soul ought to be consecrated to good and great purposes. His text is Judges xiv, 1, "And Samson went down to Timnath. There are two sides to the character

of Samson. The one phase of his life, if followed into the particulars, would administer to the grotesque and mirthful, but there is a phase of his character fraught with lessous of solemn and eterual import. To these graver lessons we devote our sermon. This giant no doubt in early life gave evidences of what he was to be. It is almost always so. There were two Napoleons-the boy Napoleon and the man Napoleon-but both alike; two Howards—the boy Howard and the man Howard—but both alike; two Samsons-the boy Samson and the man Samson-but both alike. This giant was no doubt the hero of the playground, and nothing could stand before his exhibitions of youthful prowess. At 18 years of age he was betrothed to the daughter of a Philistine. Going down toward Timnath, a lion came upon him, and, although this young giant was weaponless, he seized the monster by the long mane and shook him as a hun gry bound shakes a March bare and made his bones crack and left him by the wayside bleeding under the smiting of his fist and the grinding heft of his

There he stands, looming up above bunched with muscle that can lift the gate of a city, taking an attitude defiant of everything. His hair had never been cut, and it rolled down in seven great plaits over his shoulders, adding to his bulk fierceness and terror. The Philis-tines want to conquer him, and therefore they must find out where the secret of his strength lies. The Treacherous Delilah.

the variety of sores of the hame of the will be the sore of the like the like the like the like the like the sore of the like the like the like the like the lilah. They appoint her the agent in the says, "if you should take seven green Robert Hali, suffering excruciations, so out as though they were no impediment. | well man in his day. tell me the secret of this great strength." and tie me with them, I should be just who are bent all their days with sicknot a single obstruction. She coaxes er, to devote themselves to the Lord. him again, and he says, "Now, if you Giants in body, you ought to be giants should take these seven long plaits of in soul. hair and by this house loom weave them into a web, I could not get away." So

should take a razor or shears and cut off sleeps, and that she may not wake him strength for iniquitous purposes. up during the process of shearing help hands and says, "The Philistines be He is in the hands of his enemies.

Outgianted by Low Passion. take his eyes out, and then I see him and honor bow to their golden scepter. I hear the grean of the giant as they his way as he goes on toward Gaza. In the middle and latter part of the last The prison door is open, and the giant is thrust in. He sits down and puts his of men in Paris and Edinburgh and hand on the mill crank, which, with London who hated God and blasphemed body which never knew one moment of exhausting horizontal motion, goes day the name of the Almighty, but they did real sickness? Rising up in judgment, after day, week after week, month after but little mischief—they were small month-work, work, work. The consternation of the world in captivity, his giants in those days. locks shorn, his eyes punctured, grind-

the text that physical power is not alout, yet he was the subject of petty re- wells to trap the unwary, or Voltaire, venges and outgianted by low passion. I am far from throwing any discredit shaling a great host of skeptics and leadupon physical stamina. There are those ing them out in the dark land of ingwho seem to have great admiration for delity, or Gibi on, who showed an undelicacy and sickliness of constitution. controllable grudge against religion in I never could see any glory in weak his history of one of the most fascinatnerves or sick headache. men and women more robust should Empire"-a book in which, with all have the favor of every good citizen as the splenders of his genius, he magnified kind to those who were more sick and well as of every Christian. Cynnastics the errors of Christian disciples, while, more suffering." And Christ will say, may be positively religious.

Good people sometimes ascribe to a cribe to a slow liver. The body and the worthy? soul are such near neighbors that they often catch each other's diseases. Those who never saw a sick day, and who, like Hercules, show the giant in the cradle, have more to answer for than those who are the subjects of lifelong infirmities. He who can lift twice as much as you can and walk twice as far

double account to meet in the judgment. How often is it that you do not find physical energy indicative of spiritual power! If a clear head is worth more if muscles with the nlay of health in

quick to catch passing objects is better HIS STRENGTH I HE SUBJECT OF REV. than one with vision dim and uncertain,

then God will require of us efficiency just in proportion to what he has given us. Physical energy ought to have as good digestion of truth as we have capacity to assimilate food. Our spiritual 's Misguided Strength-The Weak hearing ought to be as good as our phys That Are Strong and That Are Weak. ical hearing. Our spiritual taste ought

The Lost Strength.

But, while you find a great many men who realize that they ought to use their money aright and use their intelligence aright, how few men you find aware of the fact that they ought to use their | physical organism aright! With every thump of the heart there is something saying, "Work, work!" And lest we should complain that we have no tools to work with God gives us our hands and feet, with every knuckle and with every joint and with every muscle, saying to us, "Lay hold and do something. But how often it is that men with physical strength do not serve Christ! They are like a ship full manned and full rigged, capable of vast tonnage,

able to endure all stress of weather, yet swinging idly at the docks, when these men ought to be crossing and recrossing the great ocean of human suffering and sin with God's supplies of mercy. How often it is that physical strength is used in doing positive damage or in luxurious ease, when, with sleeves rolled up and bronzed bosom, fearless of the shafts of opposition, it ought to be laying hold with all its might and tugging away to lift up this sunken wreck of a world. It is a most shameless fact that much of the business of the church and of the world must be done by those compara-

tively invalid. Richard Baxter, by rea son of his diseases, all his days sitting in the door of the tomb, yet writing more than 100 volumes and sending out an influence for God that will endure There he stands, looming up above as long as the "Saints' Everlasting other men, a mountain of fiesh, his arms as long as the "Saints' Everlasting Rest." Edward Payson, never knowing a well day, yet how he preached and how he wrote, helping thousands of dying souls like himself to "swim in a sea of glory!" And Robert M'Cheyne, a walking skeleton, yet you know what he did in Dundee and how he shook Scotland with zeal for God. Philip Doddridge, advised by his friends, because of his illness, not to enter the ministry, yet you know what he did for the "rise There is a dissolute woman living in the valley of Sorek of the name of Deand in the world.

same building, and then Delilah goes to at that very time entering upon philanwork and coaxes Samson to tell what is thropic enterprises that demanded the the secret of his strength. "Well," he greatest endarance and persistence. withes, such as they fasten wild beasts | that often in his pulpit while preaching with, and put them around me I should be perfectly powerless." So she binds him with the seven green withes. Then heaven, until the glories of the celestial she claps her hands and says, "They city dropped on the multitude, doing -the Philistines!" And he walks more work perhaps than almost any She coaxes him again and says, "Now Oh, how often it is that men with

great physical endurance are not so like other men." She ties him with the ness-achievements of patience, achieveropes, claps her hands and shouts, ments of Christian endurance-I call They come - the Philistines!" He upon men of health today, men of muswalks out as easily as he did before- cle, men of nerve, men of physical pow-

Samson's Misguided Strength. Behold also in the story of my text the house loom is rolled up, and the illustration of the damage that strength shuttle flies backward and forward, and | can do if it be misguided. It seems to the long plaits of hair are woven into a me that this man spent a great deal of web. Then she claps her hands and says, "They come — the Philistines!" He walks out as easily as he did before, dragging a part of the loom with his time in doing evil—this Samson of my text. To pay a bet which he had lost by guessing of his riddle he robs dragging a part of the loom with his time in doing evil—this Samson of my text. To pay a bet which he had lost by guessing of his riddle he robs dyed garments from Bozrah, mighty to and kills 30 people. He was not only save?" If we follow in the wake of that But after awhile she persuaded him gigantic in strength, but gigantic in to tell the truth. He says, "If you mischief, and a type of those men in all should take a razor or shears and cut off ages of the world, who, powerful in this long hair, I should be powerless and | body or mind or any faculty of social in the hands of my enemies." Samson position or wealth, have used their

It is not the small, weak men of the is called in. You know that the barbers day who do the damage. These small of the east have such a skillful way of men who go swearing and loafing about manipulating the head to this very day your-stores and shops and banking that instead of waking up a sleeping houses, assailing Christ and the Bible man they will put a man wide awake and the church-they do not do the sound asleep. I hear the blades of the damage. They have no influence. They shears grinding against each other, and are vermin that you crush with your I see the long locks falling off. The shears or razor accomplishes what green the misguided giants, giants in physwithes and new ropes and house loom ical power, or giants in mental acucould not do. Suddenly she claps her men, or giants in social position, or giants in wealth, who do the damage. upon thee, Samson!" He rouses up with The men with sharp pens that stab rethrough our literature, the men who use the power of wealth to sanction in-iquity and bribe justice and make truth staggering on in his blindness, feeling Misguided giants-look out for them. of men in Paris and Edinburgh and men, insignificant men. Yet there were

Who can calculate the soul havoc of a Rousseau, going on with a very enthuthe most learned man of his day, marwith a sparseness of notice that never can be forgiven he treated of the Chris-

high social position, men of great power sick mother, and she was comforted of any sort, I want you to understand when she saw the sweet flowers out of of any sort, I want you to understand when she saw the sweet bowls of the first shall say your power, and I want you to know the wildwood. I didn't do much, but I Did you hear the swish of the flying shot, that that power devoted to God will be a crown on earth, to you typical of a as he takes her up in his arms and kissay as he takes her up in his arms and kissay the swish of the flying shot, The roll of the drum and the rattle pot. The music that rose clear over that yell crown in heaven, but misguided, bees her, "Well done, well done, faithful hell?" crown in heaven, but misguided, be-draggled in sin, administrative of evil, God will thunder against you with his Lord." What, then, will be said to us and work twice as long will have a condemnation in the day when million—we to whom the Lord gave physical aire and pauper, master and slave, king strength and continuous health? and subject, shall stand side by side in I said to an old Scotch minister, who than one dizzy with perpetual vertigo, if muscles with the play of health in dicial ermine and roval robe shall be "Doctor, did you ever know Robert Poi-

Dagon about Samson's ears, and tens on to tell me how that the writing of of thousands of giants have gone down to death and hell through the same impure fascinations. It seems to me that it is high time that pulpft and platform and printing press speak out against the impurities of modern society. Fastidiousness and prudery say: "Better not speak. You will rouse up adverse criticism, you will make worse what you want to make better. Better deal in glittering generalities. The subject is too delicate for polite ears." But there omes a voice from heaven overpowering the mincing sentimentalities of the day, saying, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet and show my people their transgressions and the house of Jacob their sins."

The trouble is that when people write or speak upon this theme they are apt to cover it up with the graces of belles lettres, so that the crime is made attractive instead of repulsive. Lord Byron in "Don Juan" adorns this crime until it smiles like a May queen. Michelet the creat French writer, covers it up with bewitching rhetoric until it glows like the rising sun, when it ought to be n.ade loathsome as a smallpox hospital. There are today influences abroad which if unresisted by the pulpit and the printing press will turn our modern cities into Sodom and Gomorrah, fit only for the storm of fire and brimstone that whelmed the cities of in Northumberland:

You who are seated in your Christian omes, compassed by moral and religious restraints, do not realize the gulf of iniquity that bounds you on the north and the south and the east and the west. While I speak there are tens of thousands of men and women going over the awful plunge of an impure life, and while I cry to God for mercy upon their souls I call upon you to mar-shal in the defense of your homes, your church and your nation. There is a banqueting hall that you have never heard escribed. You know all about the feast of Abasuerus, where a thousand lords sat. You know all about Belshazzar's carousal, where the blood of the murdered king spurted into the faces of the banqueters. You may know of the scene of riot and wassail when there was set before Esopus one dish of food that cost \$400,000. But I speak now of a different banqueting hall. Its roof is fretted with fire. Its floor is tessellated with fire. Its chalices are chased with fire. Its song is a song of fire. Its walls are buttresses of fire. Solomon refers to it when he says, "Her guests are in the depths of hell."

Death the Invincible. Behold also in this giant of the text and in the giant of our own century that great physical power must crumble and expire. The Samson of the text long ago went away. He fought the lion. He fought the Philistines. He could fight anything, but death was too much for him. He may have required a longer grave and a broader grave, but

the tomb nevertheless was his terminus. If, then, we are to be compelled to go out of this world, where are we to go This body and soul must soon part. What shall be the destiny of the former I know-dust to dust. But what shall be the destiny of the latter? Shall it rise into the companionship of the white robed, whose sins Christ has slain, or will it go down among the unbelieving, to gain the world and say their souls, but were swindled out of both? Blessed be God, we have a champion! He is so styled in the Bible-a champion who has conquered death and hell, and he is ready to fight all our champion death has no power and the grave no victory. The worst man trusting in him shall have his dving pangs

alleviated and his future illumined In the light of this subject I want to call your attention to a fact which may not have been rightly considered by five men in all the world, and that is the fact that we must be brought into judgment for the employment of our physical organism. Shoulder, brain, hand, foot-we must answer in judgment for the use we have made of them. Have they been used for the elevation of society or for its depression? In proportion as our arm is strong and our step elastic will our account at last be intensified. Thousands of sermons are preached to invalids. I preach this morning to stout men and healthful women. We must a struggle, but his strength is all gone. ligion and throw their poison all give to God an account for the right use of this physical organism.

These invalids have comparatively little to account for perhaps. They could not lift 20 pounds. They could not walk half a mile without sitting down to rest. In preparation of this subject I have said to myself, How shall I account to God in judgment for the use of a standing beside men and women who had only little physical energy and yet consumed that energy in a conflagration of religious enthusiasm, how will we feel abashed!

The Weak That Are Strong.

employed his life as a spider employs of your physical forces? Will you be able to stand the test of that day when we must answer for the use of every talent, whether it were a physical energy or a mental acumen or a spiritual

The day approaches, and I see one controllable grudge against religion in who in this world was an invalid, and as she stands before the throne of God Whatever efing periods of the world's existence, to answer she says: "I was sick all my
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Whatever efing periods of the world's existence, to answer she says: "I was sick all my
to take possession of a fortune of £50," The Decline and Fall of the Roman days. I had but very little strength, but I did as well as I could in being Well done, faithful servant."

And then a little child will stand bewicked heart what they ought to asearth I had a curvature of the spine, and I was very weak, and I was very Oh, men of stout physical health, sick, but I used to gather flowers out of men of great mental stature, men of the wildwood and bring them to my

riven with the lightnings.

Behold also how a giant may be slain!
Delilah started the train of circumstances that pulled down the temple of classmate." And then the doctor went health of Robert Pollock, and he ex-pired. It sems as if no man could have such a glimpse of the day for which other days were made as Robert Pollock had and long survive that glimpse. In the description of that day he says, among other things:

Begin the woe, ye woods, and tell it to the doleful winds,
And doleful winds wail to the howling hills,
And howling hills mourn to the dismal vales,
And dismal vales sigh to the sorrowing brooks,
And sorrowing brooks weep to the weeping

and sorrowing brooks weep to the weeping stream,
And weeping stream awake the groaning deep.
Ye heavens, great archway of the universe, put sackcloth on,
And, ocean, robe thyself in garb of widowhood
And gather all thy waves into a groan and ut-

Long, loud, deep, piercing, dolorous, immense. The occasion asks it—nature dies, and angels come to lay her in her grave. What Robert Pollock saw in prophetic dream you and I will see in positive reality-the judgment, the judgment!

A Northumberiand Epitaph It is said that after reading some of the inscriptions in a churchyard a little girl asked her mother where the naughty people were buried, and certainly on tombstones it is the mere exception that

following epitaph, reputed to be found Here lie the bodies
Of Thomas Bond and Mary his wife.
She was temperate, chaste and charitable,
But she was proud, peevish and passionate.
She was an affectionate wife and a tender

proves the rule to find such a mixture of

faint praise and frank censure as in the

mother, But her husband and child, whom she loved, Seldom saw her countenance without a dis gusting frown,
While she received visitors whom she despised
with an endearing smile. She was an admirable economist And, without prodigality, sed plenty to every person in her family, ould sacrifice their eyes to a farthing

She sometimes made her husband happy with her good qualities,
But much more frequently miserable with her many failings;
In so much that in thirty years' cohabitation he often lamented. That, mauger all her virtues,
He had not, on the whole, enjoyed two years of matrimonial comfort.
At length, finding.
That she had lost the affections of her husband,
As well as the regard of her neighbors,
Family disputes having been divulged by servants.

ants, She died of vexation July 20, 1768, Aged 43 years.
wornout husband survived her four
months and two days,
And departed this life Nov. 23, 1768.

Corncob Pipes and Tectee Steme

The manufacture of corncob pipes has become a considerable industry at Beaufort, S. C. Special machinery has been made for the purpose, and an expert turner is employed to carve out the bowls, which are of many designs. The cobs are of a particular corn grown in the Missonri valley and are transported to South Carolina by the carload. cobs have to be seasoned for two or three years before they are used. The supply of cane stems, which is obtained from the canebrakes along the Port Royal railroad in lots of 60,000 stems, capable of being cut into three lengths, also employs much labor in the country to select and gather them. A new and attractive feature of some of these pipes

is the teetee stem. The teetee is a shrub, the botanical name of which is Cliftonia ligustrina. It grows up in a long, straight, pointless stem, with a soft center pith and of various circumferences, from the size little finger. It has enjoyed the reputation, from the borigines and among southern planters . d others, who have ever used it in preference to any other, not excepting the cherry or fig stem, of best absorbing the nicotine and affording a grateful and fragrant taste. - Sa-

A guest in a Philadelphia hotel lost a diamond stud in the waste pipe of the bathtub the other day, according to the Philadelphia Record. On hearing of the loss the proprietor allowed the pipe to be taken up at the expense of the loser. A plumber did the job for \$10, and the guest not only recovered his stud, but also found in the bend of the drain pipe a diamond ring. Being an honest man, he gave the ring to the proprietor, who advertised the find in several newspapers. As no one came to claim the ring the proprietor, with an equally commendable sense of honesty, returned it to the finder. Needless to say, the loser of the stud was highly compensated for his trouble, as the ring was valued at \$150. The fortunate man gave the plumber a crisp \$20 note extra, as the brilliant find was partly due

to that worthy.

"I have become so accustomed to wearing bloomers," said the bicycle girl, "that during the winter I think I shall simply wear my skirts over my What do you think of the idea?"

who never had a hankering to forsake Oh, men of the strong arm and the the garb of femininity, "that will be stout heart, what use are you making infinitely preferable to trying to wear the bloomers over the skirts. Thus it happened that for a time the relations between them were somewhat

"In my opinion," replied the girl

strained.—Chicago Post.

A true story which is as strange as fiction is that of Miss Isabella Farley, who sailed for England the other day ter of Lord Derby, was turned adrift by her father at the age of 19, on his second marriage, and since then she has had great difficulty in maintaining herself. She took places as a servant sever-

was a hospital nurse. An Answer to Mansfield.

Concerning the capture of Dargai ridge by the Gordon highlanders, Mr. Richard Mansfield, actor, inquires:

We did not. But if Mr. Mansfield is going to scoop Kipling in that fashion again we shall gladly go where the shot swishes and the rattle pot rattles its worst rather than face any more of that sort of music. - Chicago Journal.